

April 13, 1950

The Honorable Joseph J. Lawler
Assistant Postmaster General
Post Office Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lawler:


In accordance with today's telephone conversation between Mr. Nelson B. Wentzel of your staff and Mr. Walter L. Pforzheimer, our Assistant General Counsel, I am enclosing herewith a copy of Volume 1, No. 1 (March-April 1950) of a magazine entitled "Atomic Spy Cases". It is indicated that this is a bi-monthly publication of Avon Periodicals, Inc., 119 West 57th Street, New York 19, N.Y.

Your attention is called to a comic serial included in this publication and entitled "Donovan of Central Intelligence". On the first page of this comic appears the following legend: "This story is based on the files of Central Intelligence. . . . Such an allegation is completely false. The Central Intelligence Agency would never release any material from its files for such a purpose. If such material were based on CIA files the publishers would be liable to prosecution under the Espionage Laws. However, as there is no truth to the claim that the published material is from the files of this Agency, the matter is referred to you for whatever action you may deem appropriate under the Postal Laws.

You will note that the publishers claim that an application for "Atomic Spy Cases" is pending at the Post Office at New York for Second Class mailing privileges.

With appreciation for your assistance in this matter,
I am

Sincerely yours,


Acting Executive

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